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Due to the New Year's
holiday weekend, our
deadline for news and
advertising for the
January 2, 2001 issue
is 4 p.m. on
Wednesday, Dec. 27.

■ Bright and Beautiful

Chamber names residential lighting winners

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce has named their Residential Lighting Contest winners for Christmas 2000. The results were announced at the Chamber's final meeting of the year last Wednesday, with Jay and Jackie Heagy taking first place, a unanimous decision by the judges who liked the pink swag you can shed the soaring reds, which tend with icicle around 12 months windows. Now, think about Lafrance, of team or solo lighted you liked or who to try.

Step is to set a few goals. Write down your goals. The first step is to find buddies. It's a good idea to commit your plan to a friend, spouse, neighbor or co-worker.

for third spot. Honorable mentions go to Donna McPherson with her long swath of multicolored icicle lights, Dwayne and Tracy Vogel, Mike and Lana MacDonald, Mike and Karen Meyenburg, George and Debbie Hahn, Garry and Donna Gulavec.

dences in the Mobile Home Subdivision who did an outstanding job of brightening up their end of town. Two brightly lighted apartment balconies were also noted by the judges.

"While there were not as

many homes lighted up as in some previous year, those who did decorate made a good showing. Thanks to all who brightened up the community this Christmas.

Only one rural resident, Gwen Nelson, called in to register her attractive play for the

the season.

Business and Institution lighting and decorating contest winners will be announced next week.

The Chamber will be

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Wednesday, December 27, 2000

Stars, rock'n'rollers shine at concert

Elementary School hosts first of two

The first of two annual Christmas concerts brought a huge crowd to the Elk Point Elementary School on Wednesday afternoon, for a pair of entertaining plays put on by the Monday-Wednesday ECS Class and the "A" classes of each grade.

Trish Yarmuch and Natalie Maas served as MCs for the afternoon.

Miss Ockerman's ECS students were joined by Mrs. Bury's Grade 1A and Mrs. Jenner's Grade 2A in

the presentation of "Fishing For Stars."

A little boy called Luke wanted most of all to catch a star. Every night he dreamed of going to the lake to fish for stars. The stars just kept on dancing, disappearing one by one as the Grade 1As sang, but then an enormous star appeared, dancing on the lake and zooming up into the heavens, yelling "Catch me if you can!"

A group of shepherds on a hillside, counting their sheep until they all nodded

off to sleep, were awakened by Luke, who invited them along to help catch the star. Along the way, they met three tall and splendid camels bearing three elegantly garbed kings. Luke, shepherds and kings followed the star all the way to a humble stable, where they found the Baby Jesus, who the enormous star said was far more important than any star.

"If you go fishing for stars, who knows what you might find?" the presentation concluded.

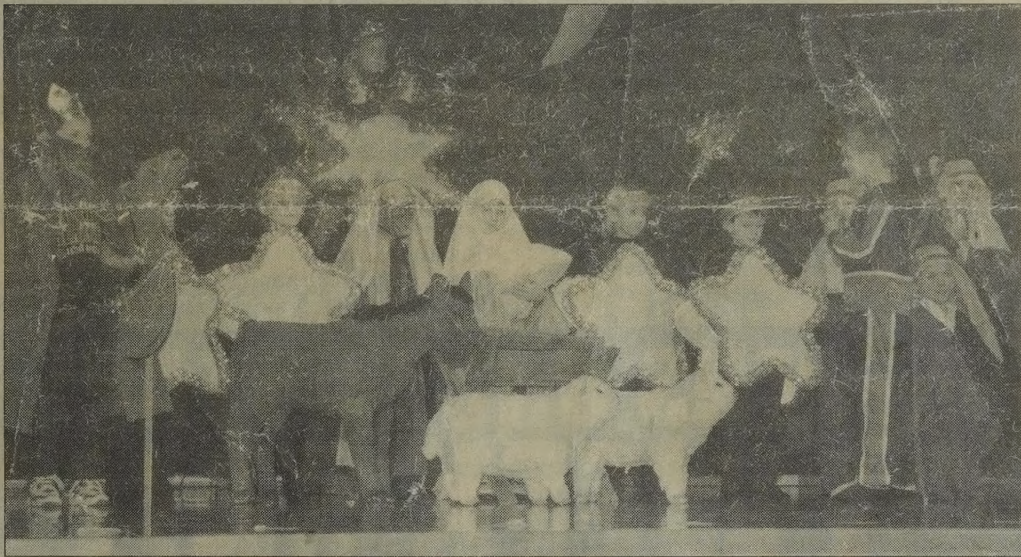
LAC President Liz Hillebrand made a staff draw for the year by volunteers from the largest school district or school to the smallest who won the agency, volunteer, contribute to draw, do our ability to achieve back to our missions. And that's the key fact.

Locally, volunteers in school make things happen. So, to help celebrate IYV now 2001, we will be Millennium your organization recognize worthy groups. Ask accepted half of the VOL-ceeds on behalf of the special Lodge, where she said. Call funds will be used for 100. the residents' activities. New

Principal Don wished the audience every-ous season, and a gratitude for the

ty's contribution. NT school As a member Provincial Council of School Administrators, he called back "grateful to be part of a school where so many contribute. A hundred and fifty or more volunteers walk in and out of this school Thanks for all those efforts." He is also "blessed with a wonderful staff to work with," and thanked them all for their work on the concert.

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ALL LED BY A STAR - The young man who was chasing the huge star through his dreams was joined by shepherds and kings on his quest, finally finding the star shining brightly over a humble stable where a Baby, far more important than any star, lay in a manger.

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community NEWS

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Conrad also presented prizes to the winners of this year's local level Legion Poppy Contest awards: Terri White, first and Amber Morris, second in the Essay category;

Brittany Buryn first and Natasha Scott second in Poem; and Megan Miller first and Trish Yarmuch second in Colored Poster.

Then it was on with the show, with Roseanne Jurak star-

ring as Mrs. Santa and Craig Dallaire as the jolly old Santa himself in the Grade 3 to 6 presentation which showed what happens when Santa gets lost in the 1950s.

Mrs. Beaudette's

Grade 3A class, Mrs. Gratton's 4As, Mrs. Capjack-Hugo's Grade 5A students and Miss Sorochan's Grade 6As started out just cleaning Santa's attic. There was "A Whole Lot of Cleaning Going On" when a busy Mrs. Claus and the elves got to work, and a whole lot needed to be done. Let's face it, Santa is an awful packrat and got totally carried away with the items he saved from the 1950s.

"The 'Fifties were wonderful years," mused Santa, before Golden Arches and Holiday Inns. "Do you remember our lives in the 'Fifties? he asked his good wife, strolling through the past where Disneyland had just opened, saddle shoes and transistor radios were all the rage.

The reindeer went rooting in the attic as well, coming up with a stash of hula hoops, dominoes, pink plastic flamingoes, yoyos, Mr. Potato Heads, and records. Oh, those records! "Let's drag that old juke box out of the store room and have a sock hop!"

The elves were soon "Rocking Around the Shop" with great abandon, wearing poodle



SANTA GOES LIVE to say great things, not wish lists, will get the children their gifts this year.

skirts and black leather jackets just like their forbears half a century before. Santa is a little rusty on that jive, though.

Then the elves found Cat in the Hat books, Silly Putty, Play Dough and Candyland games, not to mention heaps of Matchbox toys, Slinkys and propeller beanies.

"There's nothing old about these things," the elves enthused. "Maybe we don't need to make new toys. The kids could just send lists of all the good

things they've done instead of telling us what they want."

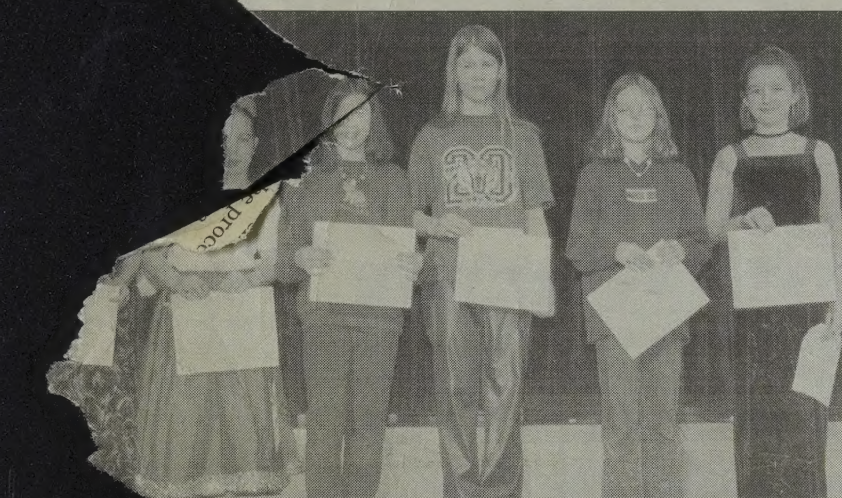
Santa liked that idea and went live on TV to say that gift lists would be ignored and "only doing great things gets you presents."

This, of course, caught many kids off guard, and they pleaded, "Santa Be Good to Me!"

At any rate, it looks like being a rocking great Christmas, with rock and roll music in the air, and "Santa's Rockin' Down the Chimney Tonight."



THE SHOP - The Fabulous Fifties are revived at the North Pole.



POPPY CONTEST WINNERS - left to right, Terri White, Amber Morris, Brittany Buryn, Natasha Scott, Megan Miller and Trish Yarmuch.

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from the FCSS DESK

Preparation for 2001: International Year of Volunteers

By Deanna Easthope
FCSS Director

Christmas 2000 is over and now the celebration for the big year of 2001 begins. For those of you who acknowledge that the first year of any sequential marking will begin with the number one, you know that the year

2001 begins the new Millennium.

As Paul Harvey stated on one of his news broadcasts, the year 2000 was being called the Millennial Year. And... we did have a lot of big celebrations during the year 2000 just because it was the beginning of a new century. Our Federal

Government did their part and issued special 25¢ coins for both 1999 and 2000. We will all remember these two special years. How did you all do with your collections? However, the year 2001 really does begin the new Millennium. The special celebration we will be doing this

year is recognizing the International Year of Volunteers.

When you think about it, volunteers are fundamental to the social and economic landscape of Canada and especially Elk Point. We need each and every one of you. Thank you everyone, for everything you do in

our community. Let us all give three cheers to our volunteers! "Hip, hip, hooray, hip, hip, hooray, ... hip, hip, hooray!"

The official kick off date for the launch of IYV 2001 was December 5, 2000. The Wild Rose Foundation in Alberta had planned to give each town and village an IYV 2001 flag to begin the year. But, guess what? The flags were lost. They never arrived so they couldn't be mailed to each location. Thus they had to be made all over again, and hopefully they will be arriving some time in January. The town of Elk Point will be raising this special flag when it arrives. Watch for it!

"We know that volunteers feel supported and validated when they are recognized with the organization." I hope that is the case. What I am afraid of is that,

because we are a small town, we take our volunteers for granted and assume they will do what they do. We may even criticize them at times. So, let us pause for a moment and think about our attitude toward volunteers.

In Canada, it is said that 42% of voluntary organizations have no paid staff - it's all done by volunteers from the largest hospital or school board to the smallest social agency, volunteers contribute to our ability to achieve our missions. And that's the key fact. Locally, volunteers in Elk Point make things happen. So, to help celebrate IYV 2001, we will be helping your organization to recognize your volunteers. Ask us about the "I VOL-UNTEER" special recognitions. Call Deanna at 724-3800.

Happy New Millennium, everyone!



SANTA GOES SKATING -- Members of the Elk Point Figure Skating Club were excited Wednesday night when Santa came skating out of the player's box at the A. G. Ross Arena. Santa was soon waist deep in devoted admirers, who enjoyed a little ice time, as well as cookies and hot chocolate, with the man of the hour before he had to head back to his North Pole workshop.

Heart of the Lakeland won't close

By Joseline Gionet
Staff Writer

The Heart of the Lakeland Tourist Association will not be closing its doors. Instead they've assembled a committee to put together a business plan.

"We met again and we've got the economic development officers from the communities into a committee to help come up with a business plan that will satisfy all the communities," said Delores Gilbertson, president.

The decision to set

up a committee comes after a late November meeting with mayors, reeves and chamber of commerce representatives.

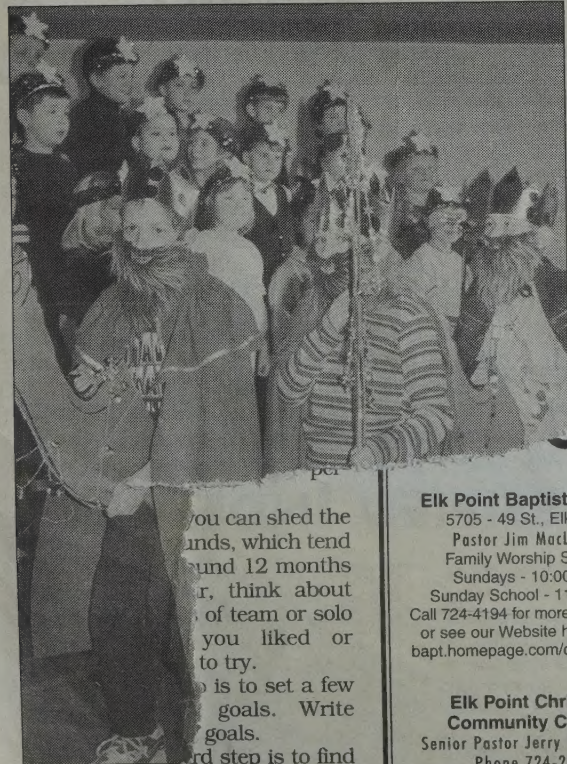
The experience of economic development officers means an easier time putting together a business plan.

"We have many members on the board who have no experience putting together a plan like that and it really is part of the mandate of the region's economic development officers," said Gilbertson.

The board is also a volunteer board, with many members working elsewhere and not

having a lot of time to put into making a business plan.

The board is quite pleased with the amount of support they are receiving and they hope to have at least a partial business plan to put forth at their next meeting January 8 in St. Paul.



CAMELS AND BUDDIES -- It's a good idea to commit your plan to a friend, spouse, neighbor or co-worker.

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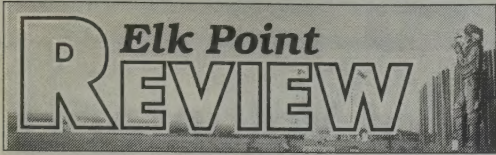
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VIEWPOINTS



■ A thought for the New Year

Letting it all go

To let go doesn't mean to stop caring for those who you once cared about, it means I can't do it for someone else.

To let go is not to cut myself off, it's the realization that I do not control another.

To let go is not to enable, but to allow learning from natural consequences.

To let go is to admit powerlessness, which means the outcome is not in my hands.

To let go is not to try to change something or someone, it's to change myself.

To let go is not to care for, but to care about.

To let go is not to fix, but to support.

To let go is not to judge, but to allow someone to be who they dream to be.

To let go is not to be in the middle of it all, arranging all the outcomes but to allow others to affect their own outcomes.

To let go is not to deny, but to be able to accept.

To let go is to realize that maybe someday it will all make sense.

To let go can change the way that someday you will look back and ask yourself, "Was it really worth it?"

Not to let go will only destroy the dreams of those who did let go.

So for just one moment, stop and ask yourself, "What have I gained by letting go?"

The outcome will be rewarding.

Written for the unknown 16
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■ Baby, It's Cold Outside!

Stay safe this winter

"We Canadians pride ourselves on our ability to enjoy our severe winters," says Canada Safety Council president Emile Therien. "In many parts of Canada, we have just had a white Christmas with lots of outdoor winter activities."

Protect yourself against the cold

If you are working outside or taking part in outdoor recreational activities, the Canada Safety Council recommends a few important precautions:

■ Wear a warm hat. Most body heat is lost through the head.

■ Wear layered clothing. Proper layers will allow warm air to stay trapped but do not trap perspiration next to the skin.

■ Protect your feet and hands. Wear loose waterproof boots. If the boots have felt liners, carry an extra pair to replace damp ones. Mittens warm the hands more effectively than gloves. Carry an extra pair of these too.

■ Prevent dehydration and exhaustion, which can lead to hypothermia. Drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids. Pace yourself when doing vigorous activity.

■ Stay fit through good physical conditioning and good nutrition. People who are fit are less susceptible to hypothermia. And don't let yourself become weakened through fatigue.

■ Try to stay in a heated environment, but not so hot as to cause excessive sweating. You risk hypothermia when you seek to cool down by leaving a hot environment for a cool one.

■ Eat high energy food, such as nuts and

raisins.

■ Avoid alcohol, coffee, tea and tobacco. They can cause heat loss.

■ If you are traveling (on the road or in the wilderness) carry emergency supplies.

Sudden heart attacks increase during a cold snap. Cold air can cause blood pressure to go up, especially when skin is exposed. Another danger is hypothermia, sometimes called exposure. Shivering is a serious warning sign to seek a warmer, sheltered place.

Hypothermia occurs when the body can no longer produce more heat than it is losing. The body's internal temperature then drops below 35°C or 95°F, which can be fatal.

Shoveling all that snow

Along with good skiing and tobogganing comes lots of snow. Unfortunately, it falls in the driveway as well as on the trails and slopes.

Always wear a hat and mittens when shoveling, says Therien. He

strongly advises people with blood pressure problems to cover as much of the face as possible when outside in cold weather and not to over-exert themselves. Shoveling snow is of particular concern for middle aged men with hypertension or high blood pressure.

Using a snowblower to clear your walk or driveway can be much easier than working with an old-fashioned shovel. But using modern equipment still demands old-fashioned common sense. Try the Canada Safety Council's snowblower safety quiz.

For more winter safety tips, visit the Canada Safety Council Web site (www.safety-council.org).



■ Safety Quiz

Snowblowing sense

Test your snowblowing I.Q. on this flurry of questions.

1. When purchasing a snowblower, you should buy: (a) the most expensive machine, since it should be the safest; (b) a machine approved by CSA International; (c) the machine of your choice, since the federal government monitors snowblower safety.

2. When you fuel a snowblower, fill the gas tank only when the engine is: (a) hot, so that the fuel will heat quickly and prevent stalling, (b) cool and not running, (c) running.

3. The best way to maneuver a snowblower is by: (a) pushing or pulling, depending on preference; (b) pulling only; (c) pushing only.

6. When the ejection chute of a snowblower is blocked with snow, how should you clear it? (a) shut off the engine and clear out the snow; (b) lean the snowblower on its side and melt the blockage with a pail of warm water; (c) continue to use the snowblower, since the blockage will break up as new snow is forced in behind it.

7. If you must leave your machine unattended, it is best to (a) leave it running, rather than allow the engine to cool down; (b) put the machine in neutral and park it against a solid object in case it slips into gear; (c) turn the machine off.

8. Before servicing a gasoline powered snowblower, you should disconnect the (a) spark plug wire; (b) fuel line; (c) spark plug wire.

9. The loudest noise of up to 100 db can be heard by an adult, but only children can hear it, since only children's ears are that sensitive. Noise of 80 db can cause hearing loss.

10. The best article of clothing to wear in a snowblower is: (a) a long-sleeved shirt; (b) a long-sleeved shirt and pants; (c) a long-sleeved shirt and pants.

what's NEWS at the LIBRARY?

Library closed for the Christmas, New Year's holidays

By Daphne Schnurer
Librarian

On behalf of the Elk Point Public Library Board, staff and volunteers, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We hope your Christmas was merry and was enjoyed to the fullest.

The Library is closed this week, and will reopen on January 3, after the Christmas holidays. We will resume regular hours at that time: Monday

and Tuesday, 1-5 p.m., Wednesday, 1-8 p.m., Thursday, 1-5 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The January Seniors Tea is scheduled for January 9 at 2 p.m. and Storytime resumes January 12.

Now that Christmas is over, everyone should be an expert on Christmas trivia. Do you know the answers to these questions? If so, you're a Christmas fanatic.

1. For people who live in the Canadian prairies, the Christmas

season traditionally begins with a shipment of Japanese _____.

(a) rice wine; (b) oranges, (c) teas; (d) dolls.

2. In Sweden the "tomte" is a _____.

(a) seasonal dessert; (b) Christmas elf; (c) table centerpiece; (d) Christmas gnome.

3. Revillon is a meal eaten after _____ in France and Canada. (a) Midnight Mass; (b) Sunday sermon; (c) The Day of the Dead; (d) Boxing Day.

4. December 26, also

known as Boxing Day, is the holy day of which saint? (a) St. Nicholas; (2) St. Stephen; (c) St. Francis; (d) St. Peter.

5. Whose patron saint is St. Nicholas? (a) children and scholars; (b) merchants and sailors; (c) women without dowries; (d) all of the above.

6. In the 1800s, German settlers in Pennsylvania became the first in our country to decorate their homes with _____ for Christmas. (a) holly; (b) wreaths; (c) stockings.

7. The poem "Twas a Night Before

Christmas", written by Clement Moore in 1823, was originally known as _____. (a) "Sleigh Bells in the Distance" (b) "Visions of Sugar Plums" (c) "A Visit From St. Nicholas" (d) Footsteps on my Roof-top."

8. Most of the Christmas carols sung today were composed in the _____. (a) period shortly after Christ's birth; (b) 1300s and 1400s; (c) 1500s and 1600s; (d)

1700s and 1800s.

9. The Mexican tradition of posado is a recreation of Mary riding on a _____ and Joseph looking for a place to spend the night. (a) donkey; (b) camel; (c) horse; (d) goat.

10. Traditionally, German children are not allowed to see the _____ until Christmas Eve. (a) Christmas stockings; (b) Christmas tree; (c) plum cake; (d) Christmas wreaths.

(Answers on Page 8)



NEVA BEATTIE CELEBRATES her 95th birthday with a group of friends on Tuesday evening at the Empress, after a celebration with her fellow residents at Heritage Lodge earlier in the day. Congratulations on reaching this impressive milestone, Mrs. Beattie, and many more happy birthdays to come!

Burning the winter bulge

With only five days to the New Year, people are preparing their annual ritual of promising themselves to eat better, exercise more, to quit smoking and to drink less alcohol.

The problem with resolutions is very simple—easier to say than do.

As you prepare to try and keep your resolutions, use the following guidelines for exercising and eating better.

Everyone has heard the story of "The Little Engine That Could"—the tiny train who had to pull the load of toys up the mountain for the children on the other side? He made it up by chanting "I think I can. I think I can." You can apply that same principle to becoming a better person.

Before you can shed the winter pounds, which tend to stay around 12 months of the year, think about what types of team or solo activities you liked or would like to try.

Step two is to set a few attainable goals. Write down your goals.

The third step is to find some buddies. It's a good idea to commit your plan with a friend, spouse, neighbor or co-worker.

They may even want to join you.

And finally, the fourth step is simple—make sure you follow through with your plan.

Exercise is only part of the equation. You must eat right as well.

While fat is an important part of a balanced diet, eating too much fat contributes to unhealthy weight gain since fat provides twice the number of calories per gram than carbohydrates or protein.

Reduction of dietary fat intake is one potential way to lose weight.

You should monitor the

amount of fat intake compared to how much you burn off. Generally speaking, no more than 30 per cent of your daily caloric intake should come from fat. For most people trying to lose weight, this means 50g of fat per day (based on 1,500 calories per day).

Eat five or six smaller meals per day than three large meals.

And finally, snack wisely. Fruits, vegetables, JELL-O and low-fat yogurt are ideal treats.

For more information on how to lose weight smartly, contact your local physician.

IN MEMORIAM

SHYMKIW, Mike

In loving memory of a dear husband and father, who passed away on December 29, 1996.

Gone are the days we used to share

We find you missing everywhere

The gates of memory will never close

For we will keep in our hearts the love of the past

There it was planted forever to last.

Sadly missed, always remembered and loved by wife Katherine, daughter Rebecca and Nick.

IN MEMORIAM

ELIUK, Vera

In loving memory of our mother and grandmother, Vera Eliuk, who passed away on December 27, 1994.

Always a smile, instead of a frown

Always a hand, when one was down

Always true, thoughtful and kind,

Wonderful memories she left behind.

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by Jim, Amelia and Families.

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business DIRECTORY

Intensive livestock issues to be addressed at January meetings

By Keith Robinson
Staff Writer

What appears to be a final round of public consultation for intensive livestock operations will be held next month and into early February. Lethbridge,

Airdrie, Red Deer, Vermilion, Barrhead and Grande Prairie are the selected sites.

The Vermilion date is set for January 29, at the Vermilion Lakeland College from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Alberta Agriculture

Food and Rural Development Beef Specialist Terry Holmgren says the public meetings are a great asset to everyone.

"Producers and the general public have an interest in what takes place at these meetings. Everyone wants more information."

The meetings are to gather input on issues including provincial and municipal roles; approval processes and

on-going monitoring and enforcement related to intensive livestock operations.

Two of the major concerns for producers involve the same standard for regulation of land and the hauling of manure.

Currently, the municipalities are in charge of the land lots. Owners and potential owners want regulations established before an act is implemented.

The Sustainable Management of the Livestock Industry in Alberta Committee was appointed by Ty Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development to recommend a framework that ensures sustainable industry development.

The committee was established to finalize provincial recommendations on outstanding issues related to the development and operation of Alberta's livestock industry.

They were asked to report within six months, allowing for prompt action while

giving the committee sufficient time to address the issues.

"This is the final step we must take to iron out those issues so that we can complete a comprehensive provincial strategy," says Lund.

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review SPORTS

Christmas comes early for Monarchs

Christmas came early for the Kitscoty Monarchs, when they paid a visit to the Elk Point Elks hockey club Tuesday night and took home a 6-5 win.

The win was much needed by the team, who currently sit in the basement of the Sask Alta Hockey League, but seemed unlikely in view of the team's very short bench. Although the visitors arrived with only eight skaters, they scored three on the Elks in the first 11 minutes of play, all by team captain Todd Miller, assisted in two by Dale Green and one each by Blair Miller, Brad Miller and Tim

Fiske.

The Elks took advantage of a Kitscoty penalty to get their first marker on the board, Mike Boratynec scoring off Cory Laboucane, with Henry Cardinal narrowing the gap to a single point less than a minute later, off assists by Laboucane and Sheldon Espetveidt, for a 3-2 Kitscoty lead at the end of the period.

Just over 13 minutes into the second period, Ted Genereux evened the score for the Elks, assisted by Espetveidt and Shaun Moroziuk, with Doug Zarowny putting the home team out in front 48 seconds later off an assist by Espetveidt. Ferlin Quinney, assisted by Cardinal and Genereux, added a fifth

Elks goal with 4:37 left in the second period.

The lead may have made the Elks overconfident, or they may have thought the shorthanded visitors were getting tired. Tired they may have been, but captain Todd Miller added another to his hat trick two and a half minutes into the final period, assisted by Tyson Mitchell and Dale Green, and with their number of skaters reduced to two by a game misconduct, Brad Miller tied the score just after the midpoint of the period, assisted by Todd Miller and Green. Blair Miller scored the winning goal for Kitscoty with 3:18 on the clock, assisted by Mitchell, and although the Elks pulled their goalie to put on an extra attacker, they were unable to add to the score, losing by one goal.

ANSWERS to Christmas trivia
1 (b); 2 (d); 3 (a); 4 (b); 5 (d); 6. (d); 7 (c); 8 (d); 9 (a); 10 (b).



Emergency Services come to Elk Point Elementary

EDITOR'S NOTE: A portion of this story was inadvertently omitted last week, so we are re-running the story in its entirety.

Representatives of STARS Air Ambulance, Elk Point and District Ambulance, Elk Point RCMP and Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department visited Elk Point Elementary School on Wednesday, December 24, telling Grade 3 and 4 students about their parts in keeping the community safe. The session was part of the students' Health program and also gives them insight into career choices.

Teacher Wayne Hymanyk said his class saw the STARS helicopter take off one day and "asked questions I couldn't answer. So I invited them to come out and talk to the students."

Maurice Podloski of STARS said the local emergency service providers do "95% of the work. They work very hard for you and keep your community safe." The STARS helicopters come out when there are bad accidents or people are very, very sick.

STARS, he said, flew 95 children under the age of 16 last year, many of them "because they weren't playing safe." He urged the wearing of helmets for

tobogganing as well as hockey, skating and snowmobiling, and told the children not to go out in the cold by themselves for fear of hypothermia or injury.

RCMP Sgt. Lyle Marianchuk told the children what happens when the RCMP go to a highway accident. The Fire Department and ambulance are often there first, and the RCMP's role, after making sure that traffic is being controlled and the injured are being cared for, is to investigate the accident.

When they go to an accident, the RCMP always determine if the people were wearing seat belts. "You often read about accidents where people are thrown out a window. It's far safer if they are belted in." He referred to a recent two vehicle crash on Hwy. 640, where there were only minor injuries because everyone was buckled in. "It's both the law and prevents injuries."

Ambulance owner

Fred Lambright said "we only get to accidents first because we go faster." The ambulance gets the information through the 9-1-1 dispatcher, who has asked the appropriate questions so they can determine what equipment and people are needed to respond to the incident. "When we get there, we get there, we assess, treat and stabilize the victims."

Jay McNeil, who works for both the ambulance and the Fire Department, displayed his fire department breathing apparatus, and asked the youngsters what they would do if they saw smoke or a fire. All knew they should call 9-1-1. He also reminded them they should know the ways to get out of their homes, and should always take along their little brothers and sisters if they are escaping a fire.

Sgt. Marianchuk said the local emergency services decided as a group that STARS is very important, so they organized last year's golf tournament and raised quite a lot of money to help keep the service operating. They plan another for this year.

Snowblowing answers

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 6. A. Never attempt to clear the ejection chute when the machine is running. Moving parts and solid objects passing through the chute could cause injuries.
 7. C. Shut off your snowblower when you are not using it. It only takes a few seconds for a child to be injured by an unattended machine.
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 9. C. Hearing protection is a good idea when using your snowblower.
 10. C. A long scarf and other loose-fitting clothes can get caught in a snowblower's machinery and cause injury. It's always best to wear steel-toed boots when using a snowblower.
- Scoring: Give yourself one point for each correct answer.
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